

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to the week seeing Year 10 students attend a motivational event with an external speaker Mike Carter.

We also organised a drop-down day on Tuesday, which worked well and saw all students attend a variety of lessons based around PSHE. The students conducted themselves well and participated with the tasks set.

A reminder for Year 10 parents/ carers to book appointments for the online parents evening on Thursday 28th January 2022.

Happy weekend.

Miss Julie Johnson
Head of School



COVID - Mr Nick Parkin- Operations Manager

You will be aware that DfE guidance was updated on the 19th of January 2022 in light of the government's plan to end 'Plan B' restrictions. The main change for schools is face covering advice, this is detailed below.

From **20 January 2022**, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff, and visitors in classrooms. From **27 January 2022**, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff, and visitors in communal areas. However, we will continue to support any pupil who wishes to wear a face covering whilst within the Academy.

From 27 January, staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of school, including on transport to and from school.

Full guidance is at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1048357/220119_Schools_guidance_January.pdf

PSHE- Knife Arch Mrs Michelle Marston

Next week, in collaboration with West Mercia Police, our students will walk through the knife arch during form time on Monday. This is a great experience for students in raising awareness and is an opportunity to engage in conversation about this topical issue and educate our students.

This week we had our first 'PSHE and careers' drop down day where all students participated in a programme of lessons covering important topics and themes. The

students were very mature and approached this excellently and the day a was huge success in educating our students to make informed choices and to keep themselves safe and to achieve the most they can in their time in school.



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Medical- Mrs Lucy Howells

Please see this week's medical link, this is related to headlice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Year 10 Parent's Evening- Mr Jim Taylor- Deputy Head Teacher

Just a reminder for all parents/ carers of Year 10 students that the online booking system for appointments on Thursday.

Dates- Mrs Farish Deputy Head

Calendar dates for next few weeks:

- Year 10 parents evening on Thursday 27th January 4.30 till 6pm
- Intermediate Leeds Maths Challenge for years 9 and 10 on Thursday 3rd February 2022
- Skittle Squad meeting Wednesday 2nd February 3.30pm

Free Courses

Aim Group are offering Free online Level 2 CACHE/TQUK/NCFE Accredited Courses available to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing. These courses include:

- Understanding Autism (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- Understanding Behaviour That Challenges (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)

- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (Exploring childhood and family structure, Introduction to adverse childhood experiences, developing strategies to improve outcomes)

The qualifications are completed within an 10-week period. There are no exams, essays or end-point assessments. The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

For more information please contact: <https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000gNCIP>